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HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT BRENDA
STARK

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brenda Stark on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Outstanding Education. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners will be held Friday, May 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, CA.

Brenda Stark is undoubtedly dedicated to the nursing profession. Early in her nursing career, Brenda discovered a love for teaching. She has taught in a variety of healthcare, academic, and community settings. She is now very active in mentoring and educating vocational nursing students in the largest school district in the area. Brenda is experienced as a nursing manager with extensive managerial skills in community health ambulatory care setting. She works with numerous agencies, churches, and schools in developing and planning health related programs to meet community needs.

Ms. Stark is Vice-President of the Central Valley Black Nurses Association. She is very concerned about the health care needs of all people, and volunteers to provide health care screening for churches in the Fresno area. Her lifelong achievements are reflective in her love for the profession and for the welfare of all people.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brenda Stark for her excellence in the field of Outstanding Education. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Brenda many years of continued success.

HONORING ALAMEDA COUNTY 2003
UNIONIST OF THE YEAR DOROTHY
FORTIER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Fortier for receiving the 2003 Unionist of the Year award from the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFL-CIO. Ms. Fortier will be honored at the Council's Unionist of the Year Dinner on May 15.

Ms. Fortier will be honored for her life-long dedication to the labor movement and her community. She currently serves as President and on the Executive Board of the Central Labor Council.

In addition to her responsibilities on the Central Labor Council, she serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Minority

Caucus, and on the National Executive Board of the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

Ms. Fortier began her involvement in the labor movement in 1975 as a member of IBEW Local Union 1245. She has served as the union's Assistant Business Manager since 1987.

Ms. Fortier has gone beyond what is required as President of the Central Labor Council to successfully complete numerous labor studies courses. She participates as an instructor and moderator in a wide range of union programs on the local, State, national and international levels.

Ms. Fortier has also been active in raising a new generation of labor activists at home. Her three children, Rhonda R. Fortier-Bourne, Alfred W. Fortier II and Richelle B. Fortier-Phillips are union activists in OPEIU, IBEW and CWA respectively.

I am honored to commend Dorothy Fortier for her commitment to improving the labor movement and her community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CAP-
TAIN ARMANDO ARIEL GON-
ZALEZ

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a saddened heart for the untimely death of a South Florida resident who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. Captain Armando Ariel Gonzalez was killed on April 14, 2003 in a non-hostile accident when a commercial refueler collapsed at a supply area in Southern Iraq. I wish to express my deepest condolences to Captain Gonzalez' wife, and the entire Gonzalez family. Equally, I offer all my support and prayers.

I believe that a person's life is not measured by the time spent on this earth, but by what is accomplished while here. With this in mind, Captain Gonzalez will always be considered a hero. The ultimate passing of any true hero is a tragedy.

This tragedy only crystallizes the great risk and danger these brave men and women experience in the name of the people of the United States. All of America mourns the loss of our military men and women, though we cannot feel the depth of the families' pain. We must never forget that the peace and prosperity that we enjoy today are founded on the ultimate sacrifices made by those who have lost their lives in war throughout our Nation's history. They have earned our gratitude and respect.

Mr. Speaker, because of the very high regard in which I hold all members of the United States armed services, it is especially disturbing to me when one of these fine young men or women is killed. By any measure, their contributions, in terms of human sacrifice, are immense. As a nation we share the sense of

loss that the Gonzalez family is experiencing. Though sorrow runs deep, our pride for Captain Gonzalez shines brightly.

HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT AMY R. TOBIN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy R. Tobin on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Outstanding Administration. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners was held Friday, May 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, CA.

Amy Tobin has been a strong leader in the health care community. She has developed a Nursing Ethics Forum to educate and provide a means for nurses to discuss ethical issues at the unit level. She became a resource for clinical responses and a consultant for guiding discussions on ethical issues for both nursing and medical staff. Amy also served as the nursing liaison to the medical staff ethics committee.

Amy has shown her care for humanity in several ways. First, through the development and holding of quarterly classes for the public in the Wellness Center at Community Hospital, she taught on such topics as hypertension, cholesterol control and osteoporosis. Secondly, she taught Nursing Management curriculum through California State University, Fresno's Extended Education program and has instructed professional courses in the clinical, regulatory and organizational development areas. Ms. Tobin has established the first official voting status for a nurse on a medical staff committee and accomplished this in an academic environment by lobbying for collegiality and teamwork. Amy strives to improve the conditions and standards of the medical profession and takes every chance she can to teach others about health awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy R. Tobin for her excellence in the field of Outstanding Administration. I invite my colleagues in wishing her many years of continued success.

HONORING ALAMEDA COUNTY
UNION LEADER JIM PROLA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Prola for receiving the COPE Award from the Central Labor Council of Alameda

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